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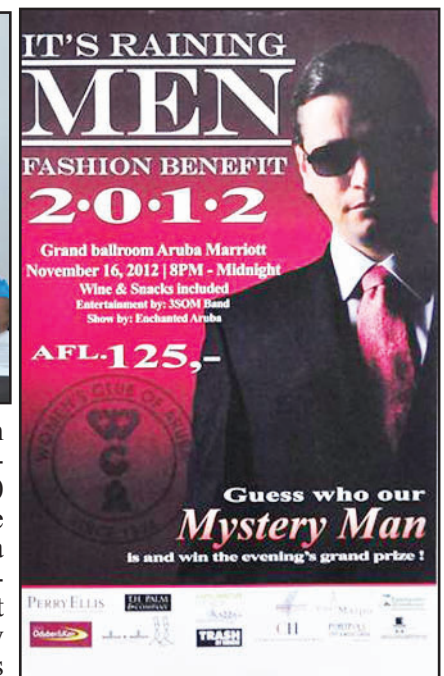
"It's Raining Men" Edition II from the Women's Club of Aruba



Women's Club of Aruba is pleased to announce they will again conduct their annual

fundraising Fashion Benefit on Friday, November 16 from 8:00 PM until midnight in the ballroom of the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino. Since it was such a success, they will repeat the "It's Raining Men" theme this year. The event will be focused around masculine island celebrities in a diverse fashion show featuring garments from several shops around the island.

There will be a raffle with excellent prizes, and the grand prize goes to the lady that identifies their "Mystery Man" After the fashion show there will be dancing for the remainder of the evening, with music provided by 350M Band. The evening includes gourmet snacks and a cash bar.



Tickets can be purchased by contacting Women's Club members Mary Droogh at telephone 594-8356, Milagros Posner at 733-2020 or RoseMarie de Vries at 733-5505.

The Women's Club of Aruba is a very active service organization dedicated to the community. A number of their on-running programs include HIV/AIDS Awareness, Environmental protection education at schools, and the Dress a Child Program, to name only a few.

Assad accused as Beirut bomb kills security official

BEIRUT (AFP) - A car bomb blast in central Beirut on Friday killed a top security official linked to the anti-Damascus camp in Lebanon, where leaders pointed a finger of blame at Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

The rush-hour bombing in the predominantly Christian district of Ashrafieh, which drew international condemnation, killed seven other people and wounded 86, Information Minister Walid Daouk said, revising an ear-

lier toll.

A government official said the intelligence chief of Lebanon's Internal Security Forces, General Wissam al-Hassan, was among the dead -- in one of the highest-profile killings since the 2005 murder of former premier Rafiq Hariri.

Hassan was close to Rafiq's son, Saad, who is leader of the opposition and hostile to Assad's regime. He had been tipped to take over as ISF head at the end of this year.

Both Saad Hariri and

Walid Jumblatt, Lebanon's Druze leader, charged that the Syrian president was behind the attack.

"We accuse Bashar al-Assad of the assassination of Wissam al-Hassan, the guarantor of the security of the Lebanese," Hariri, who is also a former premier, told a Lebanese TV station.

Jumblatt, a longtime critic of Damascus, said: "I openly accuse Bashar al-Assad and his regime of killing Wissam al-Hassan."

Ahead of the accusations, Syrian Information Minister Omran al-Zohbi condemned what he called a "terrorist, cowardly" attack, saying such incidents were "unjustifiable wherever they occur."

The United States and France condemned the attack.

"There is no justification for such violence," State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said. "It was a car bomb. We have no reason to believe it was not terrorism. We condemn this act of terrorism."

French President Francois Hollande urged Lebanese officials to protect their country from "all attempts at destabilisation."



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Introduction of new law to regulate Employment Agencies

For the past two years, the government has been working on implementing changes in our labor laws. One of the changes to be deliberated in Parliament before the end of the year will be the regulation of the phenomena of employment agencies. The government, in principle, has no problem with employment agencies in our community. Their function is to find temporary workers for companies who need a fill-in for someone who may have

fallen sick, or took maternity leave.

The situation becomes a problem when companies have more than 50% of their employees coming from an employment agency. This appears to be the case with hotels, for example. Companies with these employees are not required to sign a job contract with them directly since they are under agreement of the employment agency. By not signing a job contract with the company or hotel, these

employees are unable to procure bank loans, or establish a mortgage for the purchase of a house, which limits their personal advancement.

It is in this very vein that the government has prepared a new law which has been submitted to Parliament for deliberations. This law will regulate all aspects of employment agencies. There are currently 40 employment agencies on Aruba, with several of them working with one single client with more than 200 employees for the one client. This is not correct. The spirit of the new law entails, that a person may work on a temporary basis for a company for no more than one year!

This phenomenon began about 15 to 20 years ago at one specific hotel and today it has spread all over the island, including government companies. This, according to the government, cannot continue.

Once this law passes, and the Department of Labor during their regular controls, encounters a person working in the same function as a temporary employee from an employment agency, the agency will be sanctioned severely. The new law will allow for sanctions for as high as 250 thousand Florins.

According to the government, the philosophy of employment agencies must return to what it was originally and they cannot be used as a means to prevent an employee from obtaining a fixed job contract with a company.

Dutch unemployment still on the rise



THE NETHERLANDS -- Figures published by Statistics Netherlands today show that seasonally adjusted unemployment rose by 5 thousand in September 2012, to 519 thousand.

According to figures published by the Institute for the

Implementation of Employees' Insurance (UWV), the number of people claiming unemployment benefit in September was 304 thousand, around the same number as in August.

In September, 6.6 percent of the Dutch labour force were unemployed. One month previously this figure was 6.5 percent. In the last three months the number of unemployed rose by an average 8 thousand persons per month. In this period 5 thousand men and 3 thousand women per month joined the unemployed. As a result, 281 thousand men and 238 thousand women were unemployed in September.

Aruba Department of Culture Closed for fumigation

ORANJESTAD— The Director of the Aruba Department of Culture (DCA), Sr. drs. Siegfried Dumfries, announced that due to fumigation in the building, the department will be closed to the public from Monday, October 22 until Monday October 29,

For any information or possible event, contact the department at e-mail

info@cultura.aw.

The Department will again be functioning normally on Tuesday, October 30.

DCA is situated in the ex-Maria Convent building and is open from 7:30 a.m. until 12 noon and from 1 to 9 4:40 p.m.

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Old Man & the Sea Restaurant encourages environmentally aware menu



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In the continuing effort to alert the island of the increased threat to Aruba's marine environment from invasive lionfish, The Old Man and the Sea restaurant

announced a special weekend fish festival, demonstrating the eminent suitability of lionfish as a dietary staple.

The romantic "island" dining area maintained by the

restaurant was where Chef Christian unveiled a tempting platter of lionfish morsels, during the announcement of the upcoming fish festival. The fish was grilled and lightly seasoned, complimented with the restaurant's signature "Papaya Pica" sauce, cubes of fried funchi and a crisp Mezzacorona Pinot Grigio.

Natasha Richardson, wife of Aruba's most enthusiast lionfish hunter and founder of Aruba Underwater Hunters, Jair Britton, explained the situation. Lionfish, which are native to the Indo Pacific and Red Sea, were spotted off the

coast of Florida as far back as 1985, and have been steadily making their way south, through the Caribbean, ever since.

Red Lionfish are thriving and dominating Atlantic and Caribbean waters and reef environments. In 2009 they were spotted in Aruba, having worked their way through The Bahamas and other Caribbean islands, which is a cause of great concern for marine biologists throughout the region.

The Red Lionfish is a voracious creature. Studies show a single lionfish is capable of reducing the existing

fish population of a reef by 2/3 to 80%, within a year. Lionfish are also very cunning hunters, usually pursuing their prey in pairs or packs, herding fleeing fish towards each other so they cannot escape. They expand their jaws to literally vacuum several fish at a time down their gullets.

In warm Caribbean waters a pair of lionfish reproduces at a prodigious rate. Those having taken up residence in colder Atlantic waters will spawn clusters of eggs for 3 months out of the year, when waters are warm.

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Dazzling Divas will rule the runway at Renaissance Convention Center in December



Mimi Williams and Lizaira Polak of MediCosmetics

Diva Mimi Williams put out a call to real Aruban women, with real curves, to join the Dazzling Diva movement with a spectacular event and fashion show scheduled to take place at the Renaissance Convention Center on Sunday evening, December 2.

as Me & My Sis, were the focus during a VIP Night Out on September 29. It was a huge success. Proving curvy, plus sized women don't have to dress like great-grandmothers, but be the sexy ladies outside they know they are inside.

The December 2 event is

each event.

All models will be part of a glamorous photo shoot with Jason Margarita. The results are being posted on their Facebook page, Dazzling Diva's Aruba. Interested parties can contact Mimi at 731-1186 about her Tuesday training sessions in fashion, makeup and comportment that take place every week, at the Centro di Barrio Tanki Leendert, and participating in December's event. Tickets to the show are on sale for 15 Aruban florins.

The announcement of the upcoming fashion show was punctuated by a gift from Maybelline New York presented to Aruba's Miss Teen Aruba 2012 Thessaly Zimmerman by Lizayra Polak of Medicosmetics.

By Rosalie Klein



A gift of Maybelline for Miss Teen Aruba

Sponsored by MediCosmetics, the Aruba agents for Garnier and Maybelline products, the Dazzling Diva movement recognizes that the majority of Aruban women would be considered "plus size" but they are a fashion-conscience society. Fashions from such shops catering to real, curvy women

part of the search by Mimi William for nine models needed to participate in the L.A. Miss Plus Top Model contest, the Plus Size Power contest in San Antonio Texas and the Caribbean Plus Size Fashion Week in Trinidad and Tobago. Three models will be selected to represent Aruba at

Obama says mind-changing Romney has 'Romnesia'

FAIRFAX, Virginia (AFP) - President Barack Obama came up with a biting new term Friday for what he called rival Mitt Romney's flip-flopping on policy positions, calling it "Romnesia."

"Mr. Severely Conservative wants you to think he was severely kidding about everything he said over the last year," the president said at a rally attended by some 9,000 people at a university campus outside Washington.

It marked a clear escalation of the tone Obama is employing to attack his rival in the tight race for the White House, with the election just 18 days away.

The two men face off Monday in Florida for the last of three debates, this time focusing on foreign policy.

The president said the former Massachusetts governor

used to claim, for instance, he was the ideal candidate for the conservative movement known as the Tea Party.

"Now, suddenly, he's saying, 'what, who, me?'" the president said, drawing laughs from the crowd.

"I mean, he's changing up so much and backtracking and sidestepping, we've got to name this condition that he's going through. I think it's called 'Romnesia.' That's what it's called. I think that's what he's going through," Obama said.

The president then rattled off what he said were a series of Romney policy reversals on issues such as women's rights, tax cuts for the wealthy and the future of the coal industry.

Shortly after Obama's speech, the hashtag #Romnesia began trending on Twitter.

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Since the water temperature in the Caribbean is always high, those that have spread to local waters will reproduce all year round, with the capability of releasing 2 million fertilized eggs into the sea, annually. Within 24 hours the larvae hatch, and within 20 to 35 days the young lionfish have matured sufficiently to return to the reef where they were spawned, or be carried by currents to invade new environments.

It is well known lionfish spines are venomous. The venom injected from their fins can be quite painful and particularly harmful to those who are allergic. However, the lionfish is NOT poisonous to ingest, and are very low in cholesterol and quite good eating. The Bahamas, which has greatly suffered from the lionfish invasion, retaliated by establishing fishing competitions directed at the species and several restaurants carry it on their menu.

The sampling provided by Chef Christian proved lionfish to be a very sweet, moist

and tasty fish. Over the last weekend of this month, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 26, 27 and 28, beginning at 6:00 PM, The Old Man and the Sea is featuring a special four-course dinner. It will include lionfish soup, pumpkin soup, lionfish ceviche, and lionfish filet with papaya sauce. Each course is paired with a glass of Mezzacorona Pinot Grigio from Pepia Est wine merchants.

Musical entertainment will be provided by virtuoso percussionist Carlos Bislip, and Jair Britton, will be on to discuss the lionfish situation and explain the nutritional value. It is hoped this program will encourage other restaurants to put lionfish on the menu, and so become a part of the solution to this threat to Aruba's underwater world.

The Old Man and the Sea is one of Aruba's most romantic restaurants, with a beautiful seaside location. Reservations for the special lionfish menu can be made by calling 584-3434.

By Rosalie Klein

Pakistani schoolgirl Malala 'very ill' but able to stand

LONDON (AFP) - Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani schoolgirl shot in the head by the Taliban, has stood up with help for the first time but remains seriously ill, doctors treating her at a British hospital said Friday.

She is unable to talk due to the breathing tube inserted into her windpipe but she can communicate by writing, said Dave Rosser, the medical director at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham, central England.

The teenager escaped certain death by a matter of centimetres (inches), with the

bullet grazing the edge of her brain, he revealed.

Though Malala has the potential to make "pretty much a full recovery", Rosser warned that she is "not out of the woods yet" -- her doctors' chief concern being an infection in the bullet track through her head.

In an attack which outraged the world, she was shot on a school bus in the former Taliban stronghold of Pakistan's Swat valley on October 9 as a punishment for campaigning for the right of girls to an education.

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CHICAGO (AFP) - The maker of Banana Boat sunscreen recalled 23 spray-on products Friday saying there was a risk they could catch fire on one's skin, after reports of five people being burned in the US and Canada.

Energizer Holdings said it

was recalling its popular continuous spray sunscreen "due to a potential risk of product igniting on the skin if contact is made with a source of ignition before the product is completely dry."

It cited a likely problem with the size of the spray valve

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Twitter 'to remove anti-Semitic posts' after legal threat

PARIS (AFP) - Twitter, a day after saying it blocked a neo-Nazi account in Germany in a global first, made another major concession Friday by agreeing to remove anti-Semitic posts in France, a lawyer said.

The company did not immediately confirm the move, but the lawyer for a French Jewish student union said that after it threatened legal action, Twitter agreed to take down many of the offending tweets that have recently

flooded the site.

UEJF lawyer Stephane Lilti said after a meeting with Twitter's lawyer in France that his client had scored an "important victory" over the micro-blogging site.

The student union on

Thursday threatened to seek an injunction against Twitter to try to make it remove the offending tweets which proliferated in France with the hashtag #unbonjuif (#AGoodJew).

The tag has been one of the top trending words on French-language tweets and is often followed by comments such as: "#AGoodJew is a dead Jew".

The reported deal with Twitter comes a week after France's SPCJ Jewish security watchdog said anti-Semitic acts surged by 45 percent since the start of the year and were given new impetus by attacks by Islamic

extremist Mohamed Merah.

Merah went on a shooting rampage in March in and around the southern city of Toulouse, killing a rabbi, three Jewish children and three French paratroopers before being shot dead in a police siege.

On Thursday, Twitter said it had blocked a neo-Nazi group's account at the request of German police.

The move was the first time that the US firm had applied a policy known as "country-withheld content" which allows it to block an account at the request of state authorities.



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Friend of Dutch prince cleared over avalanche tragedy

VIENNA (AFP) - Austrian prosecutors dropped all charges Friday against a ski companion of Dutch Prince Friso, who was caught with him in an avalanche in February that left the royal brain-damaged and in a coma.

The unnamed old friend, identified by media as the director of the Austrian hotel where the Dutch royal family stays every year, escaped unscathed but had been charged with causing injury through negligence.

"Both skiers were aware that skiing off-piste in deep snow always carries the risk of starting an avalanche," Heinz Rusch, spokesman for the prosecution in the western Austrian town of Feldkirch, said Friday.

The two men thus shared responsibility, he noted, adding there was no cause for criminal prosecution in this case.

On February 17, Prinz Friso and his unnamed companion were caught in an avalanche while skiing off-piste in the ritzy western Austrian resort of Lech.

At the time the avalanche alert level was at the second highest, posing a particular risk away from the prepared ski slopes.

The prince, an experienced skier but who unlike his friend did not have an avalanche airbag, was hospitalised in critical condition after spending some 20 minutes under the snow and suffering a lengthy heart attack.

Austrian doctors later said the prince, Queen Beatrix's second son, may never again regain consciousness. He was later transferred to a London hospital for long-term care.



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Gone in 90 seconds: Dutch police release art heist photos

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Dutch police on Friday released security camera images taken during the theft of seven major artworks from a Rotterdam museum which indicate the culprits were in and out in barely 90 seconds.

Police released very grainy images of two thieves entering the Kunsthal at 3:22 am and 25 seconds on Tues-

day morning, according to the timecode, and leaving again precisely 96 seconds later.

During that time the thieves had time to find, remove and conceal two Monets, a Picasso, a Gauguin, a Matisse, a Freud and another painting, worth up to 200 million euros on the open market, the greatest such

heist in 20 years.

Police said they were releasing the images in the hope that witnesses might recognise the "odd" bags the thieves were carrying. The police noted that one suspect was bigger than the other.

Earlier Friday, police appealed for help from visitors who had shot video in the museum in the run-up to the theft

and from nightclub goers on the night of the theft.

Police denied however that the appeal to the public meant they had no leads towards solving the biggest such theft in over two decades.

"Investigators are currently looking at all the information that they've received but additional information is

necessary," Rotterdam police said in a statement.

Contacted by AFP, police said they had numerous "useful tips" and the investigation was moving ahead.

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First man who lived six months without heart mourned by Czechs

PRAGUE (AFP) - Czechs yesterday mourned the death of Jakub Halik, a 38-year-old fireman, who became the first human ever to have survived six months without a heart on artificial life support, but succumbed to liver and kidney failure.

Physicians treating an aggressive cancerous tumour in his heart removed it in April but were never able to find another compatible donor for a successful transplant.

"Up to now, no one the world over has ever survived such a long time in this kind of condition," the Dnes Czech daily said.

Meanwhile, the Blesk daily paid homage to "the man without a heart who was a man of

great heart."

Black flags of mourning flew over fire stations across the Czech Republic Thursday as colleagues honoured Halik.

In August, eminent cardiologist Jan Pirk from Prague's IKEM experimental medicine institute had warned that finding a heart compatible for a "big lad" like Halek would be no easy task.

His condition deteriorated over the past few weeks with tests showing he was suffering from both liver and kidney failure.

"We did everything possible to save him," Pirk said. Jakub Halik died Saturday morning, but the news was only made public later in the week.

"This feisty fighter loved his

family very much. His life's mission was to save the lives of others. Unfortunately, our ability to save his life were very limited," Eliska Breckova, his nurse at IKEM told Blesk.

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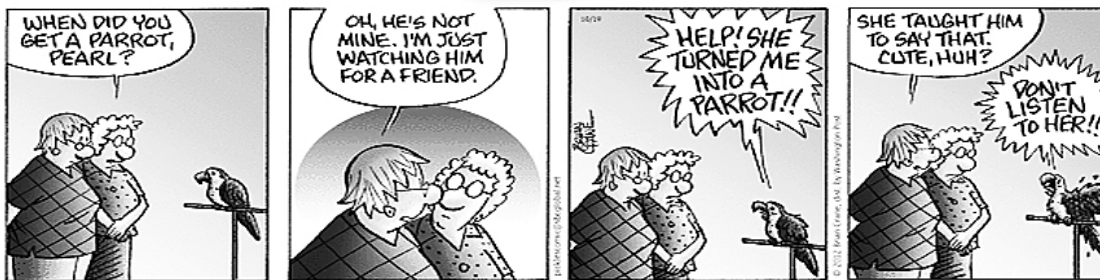
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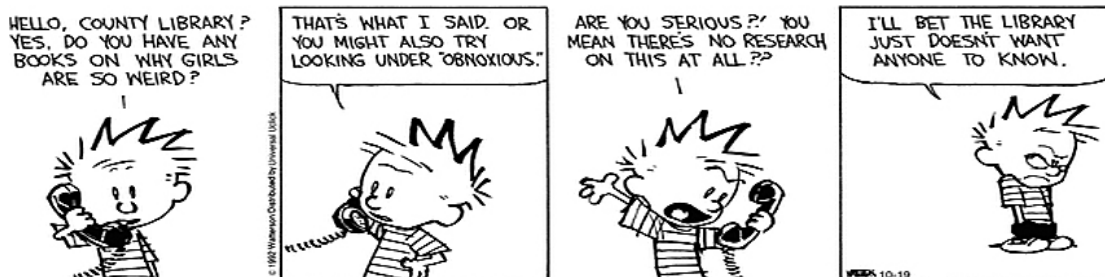
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14. Stirs
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16. Demeanor
17. "Thelma" and "Louise," e.g.
19. Author Bombeck
20. Takes to the ball
21. Charles — Reilly
23. Just out of the autoclave
24. Unsaid but understood
25. Plumbing joint
26. 1983 Broderick movie

29. Killed,

- gangster-style
32. Where hair stands up
33. "Chances —"
34. Vacuum
35. "What —?" (puzzled one's query)
36. Ollie's skinny sidekick
37. Commit a blooper
38. One whose goose is cooked
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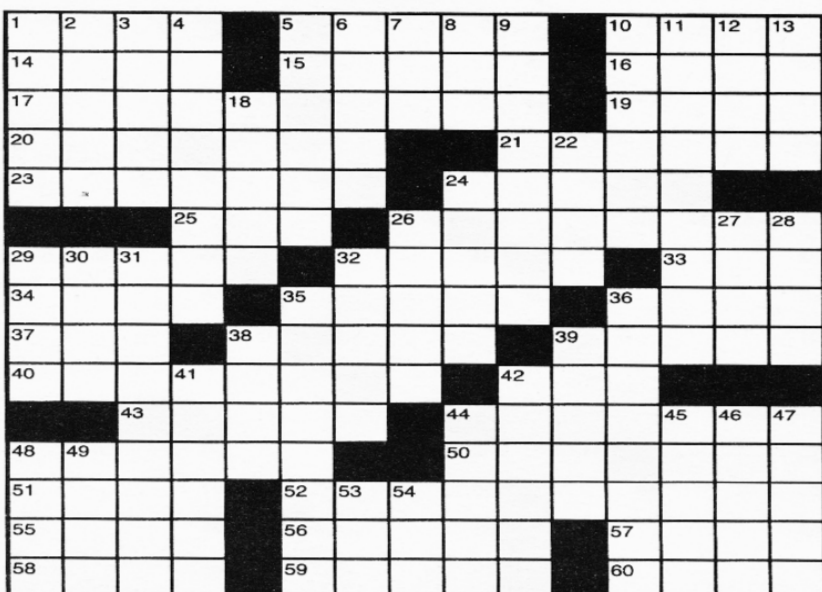
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3. Compel
4. Varied
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6. Use artgum
7. Dutch — disease
8. Look at
9. Captures
10. Feminist —

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11. Gilligan or Starbuck
12. San —, Italy
13. Judah's son
18. Heard a case
22. Medical tests: abbr.
24. Skinny candle
26. Greeted from a distance
27. Historical times
28. Forwarded
29. Out's partner
30. Warning from Els
31. Hillary or Mamie
32. Pinochle losers
35. Overstep the boundary
36. Like churches
38. Sign of pleasure
39. Take — at it (try)
41. Addresses the crowd
42. "The — a thief..." ("Timon of Athens")
44. Out of vogue
45. Ashley Judd's mother
46. Cleveland Indians slugger Jim
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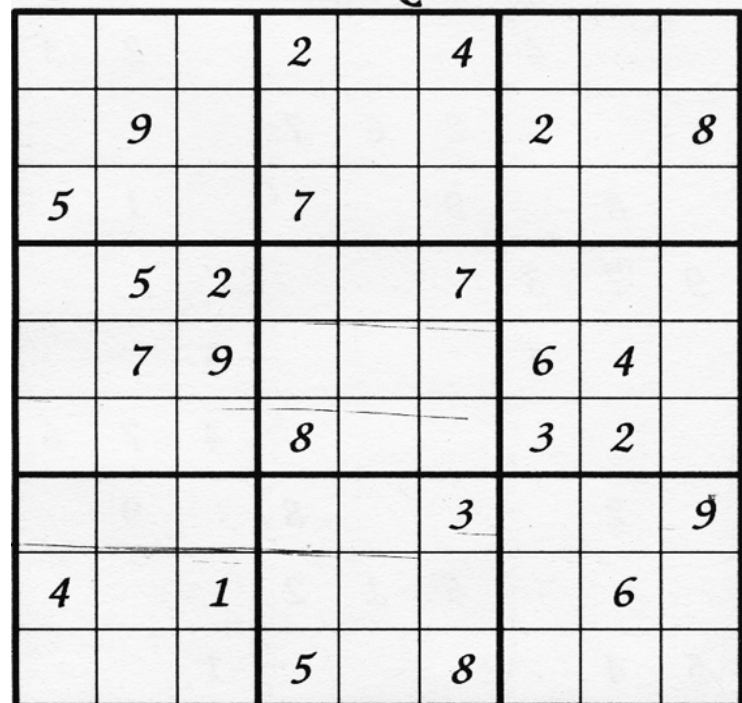
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1	6	8	7	4	9	2	5	3
4	5	1	9	6	3	8	7	2
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9	5	6	4	8	7	3	1	2

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Oil prices skid on weak US earnings, EU summit

NEW YORK (AFP) - Oil prices tumbled Friday as traders worried about demand following a batch of poor earnings reports from US companies and an EU crisis summit that disappointed.

Prices also were hit by a stronger dollar; dollar-priced crude tends to curb demand from buyers using weaker currencies.

New York's main contract, light sweet crude for November, plunged \$2.05 from Thursday to finish at \$90.05 a barrel.

Brent North Sea crude for delivery in December slid \$2.28 to \$110.14 in London trade.

The New York futures contract began the trading session in positive territory, slightly lifted by supply concerns amid a temporary TransCanada shutdown of its Keystone pipeline for an "anomaly."

But a spate of weak US earnings reports turned traders more bearish about the economy, the world's biggest oil consumer, said

Michael Lynch, president of Strategic Energy & Economic Research.

Investors also appeared dismayed by a lack of rapid progress toward a full banking union at a two-day European Union summit in Brussels that wrapped up Friday.

EU leaders agreed on a bank oversight timeline but details remain to be worked out.

The summit did not resolve the issue of eurozone sovereign debt, and "it is unclear whether this body will be a source for deposit insurance across the eurozone, something that Germany firmly opposes," said Virendra Singh at Moody's Analytics.



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FINANCE

Britain's Cameron talks tough on Europe

BRUSSELS (AFP) - British Prime Minister David Cameron stuck firmly to his sceptical approach to Europe Friday, threatening to veto the bloc's budget and defend London's interests against all comers.

But fighting his corner did not mean that he wanted out of Europe -- Cameron wanted in, to get the best for Britain even if that means opposing some of Brussels' ambitious plans for tighter policy control over member states.

"I just don't accept that," he said after a two-day EU summit when pressed by British reporters over whether increasingly eurosceptic rhetoric from him and his Conservative Party suggested a growing threat to quit the EU.

Pressed again over one of London's major sticking points, the EU's trillion-euro 2014-20 budget, Cameron was forthright.

"The short answer is 'Yes,'" Cameron said when asked if he would veto the EU budget at a summit in November if it includes increases in spending at a time when member state budgets are being cut.

"We can't have EU spending going up and up," he said.

"It would not be acceptable to see a huge increase in spending when budgets are being cut."

All 27 EU members meet next month to thrash out an accord on the 2014-20 budget proposed by the European Commission.


Carrefour shares soar after sells Colombia stores

PARIS, (AFP) - Shares in French retail giant Carrefour soared more than 6.0 percent in opening trading on Friday after the company sold its stores in Colombia for an enterprise value of 2 billion euros (\$2.6 billion).

Carrefour announced late on Thursday that it was selling its 72 hypermarkets, 16 convenience stores and 4 cash and carry stores in Colombia to the Chilean group Cencosud as part of its new strategy focusing on areas in which it holds or aims to develop a leading position.

Carrefour's shares jumped 6.11 percent in early trading on Friday to 18.44 euros.

Carrefour, the world's second-biggest retailer by sales after Walmart, has been seeking to rejuvenate its performance which has been held back by the slowdown in its core European markets.



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Switzerland CHF	193.04	193.04	194.56
Netherlands EUR	231.52	233.64	235.99
Sweden SEK	26.23	26.95	27.75
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Austrian boy, 9, burns down supermarket

VIENNA (AFP) - A nine-year-old Austrian boy was responsible for starting a fire that destroyed a supermarket, police said Friday.

Police gave no details but media reports said that the boy set fire to rolls of toilet

paper on the shelves of the store in Dornbirn, western Austria, because he was "bored."

The blaze in June caused several million euros' (dollars') worth of damage, with 100 firefighters having to

contend with exploding aerosols and glass shelving shattering. No one was hurt.

Police discovered in subsequent enquiries at a nearby school that the boy, who has not been named, was responsible, the Kurier daily reported Friday.

Freed Pussy Riot files complaint



MOSCOW (AFP) - The freed member of Pussy Riot punks has filed a complaint with the European Court of Human Rights over breaches of freedom of speech and inhumane detention conditions, her lawyer said Friday. Yekaterina Samutsevich, 30, who has been released with a suspended sentence while her two bandmates are to serve two-year prison terms, filed the complaint with the Strasbourg-based body, her lawyer Yelena Khrunova told Kommersant daily. The complaint cited breaches of human rights including the right to freedom of speech, the newspaper cited the letter as saying, arguing that "even Samutsevich's suspended sentence for expressing her opinion is illegal."

Jerusalem olive trees linked to Christ's time: experts



VATICAN CITY (AFP) - Olive trees in the Garden of Gethsemane come from cuttings of a tree dating back to when Jesus is believed to have prayed on the hill in Jerusalem before his death, scientists said.

The study of one of the holiest places for Christians was commissioned by Custodia Terrae Sanctae, a group of Franciscan missionaries who maintain and study ancient monuments in the Holy Land associated with Jesus Christ.

The study on eight olive trees in the garden began in 2009 and has involved several

Italian researchers and professors including Giovanni Gianfrate, an expert on the history of olive trees in the Mediterranean region.

The research found that three of the eight trees dated back to the middle of the 12th century and that parts of their roots were even older.

The garden was reorganised by Crusaders between 1150 and 1170.

The analysis found that all eight trees had "similar genetic profiles" which researchers said meant that they were all related to a single tree.

Cuttings from that more ancient tree were planted in the 12th century, the scientists said at a press conference in the Vatican.

Franciscan monk Pierbatista Pizzaballa, who is known as the "custos" of the Holy Land, said the olive trees were "testament to a deeply rooted faith".

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such table games as Craps and Roulette, as they offer free instructions and minimums for beginners with which anyone can have fun and feel very comfortable. High-stakes tables and a major weekly



Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef



Grandma's stoba with classic rice and beans and homemade potato beet salad

An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varella Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

The Queen's.

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi" - "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena - "Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses for Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or Grilled Tenderloin, each including a choice of 2 side dishes; all quite yummy and bargain-priced to boot!

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to truly eat like a local. They are open from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM, daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. Aside from an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!

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VIENNA, Austria (AFP) - Top seeds Juan Martin del Potro and Janko Tipsarevic boosted their chances of reaching the season-ending ATP World Tour Finals on Friday when they eased into the Austrian Open semi-finals. Number one seed Del Potro, playing his first event in a month after a wrist injury suffered in the Davis Cup semi-finals, had too much class for Australia's Marinko Matosevic, 6-2, 6-2. Tipsarevic, still jet-lagged from playing in Shanghai last week, enjoyed a swift 6-2, 4-2 passage after Slovenian opponent Aljaz Bedene quit with a thigh injury. The 63-minute result was welcomed by the second seed, who had played both singles and doubles the day before. Today, Del Potro will face Gilles Muller who beat Paolo Lorenzi 6-3, 6-4 while Tipsarevic will get a re-run of a US Open match-up when he faces Zemlja, ranked 70th. Del Potro and Tipsarevic are chasing two of the three remaining places in the eight-man World Tour Finals which start on November 5 in London. With this weekend, and two more weeks of play remaining, every match counts.

NFL: 49ers rebound with win over Seahawks



Kendall Hunter #32 of the San Francisco 49ers after gaining yards for a first down is forced out of bounds by Bobby Wagner #54 of Seattle Seahawks but the play was called back because of a penalty on the offensive line during the fourth quarter.

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Delanie Walker's third-quarter touchdown catch made the difference Thursday as San Francisco beat Seattle 13-6 in a tough defensive battle to seize the lead in the NFL's NFC West division.

San Francisco quarterback Alex Smith completed 14 of 23 passes for 140 yards, one touchdown and one interception and David Akers booted a pair of field goals for the 49ers, who rebounded from a lopsided loss to the New York Giants last weekend in a rematch of last season's NFC Championship game.

Frank Gore ran for 131 yards on 16 carries for San Francisco and had five catches for 51 yards to help the 49ers come out on top in their first division match-up of the season.

Seahawks signal-caller Russell Wilson endured a difficult

game, completing just nine of 23 passes with an interception for the Seahawks, who had two first-half field goals from Steven Hauschka.

Seattle had won two straight coming into the game, but fell to 4-3.

Seattle led by three at half-time but had to punt on the first possession of the second half.

San Francisco capped a drive with Smith's 12-yard touchdown throw to Walker,

and the 49ers' Dashon Goldson then intercepted Wilson.

Smith then threw an interception of his own before San Francisco completed the scoring with a second field goal from Akers with 5:24 to play.

The contest kicked off a week of NFL action that includes an AFC East division clash between perennial contenders the New England Patriots and the New York Jets.

The Jets travel to New England tied with the Patriots for the division lead at 3-3, and Jets coach Rex Ryan was typically bullish on his team's chances.

There's plenty at stake on Sunday, with the winner remaining the standard-bearer in the division.

If it's the Jets, they'll be 3-0 in divisional play and have an advantage in potential tiebreakers.

The Super Bowl champion New York Giants host the Washington Redskins in a clash of NFC East contenders.

The Giants top the division at 4-2, but both their defeats have come against division rivals.



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NHL: League disappointed with player response

TORONTO (AFP) - NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said that talks to end the lock-out of players and salvage a full season were "not progressing," based on the latest counter-proposals from players.

The two sides met for just over an hour Thursday at players union headquarters.

Bettman indicated the league was disappointed by the players' response to a National Hockey League proposal made on Tuesday, which offered a 50-50 split of hockey-related revenues if a contract can be agreed by early November -- in time to allow

for a full season.

"None of the three variations of players' share that they gave us even began to approach 50-50 (revenue split) either at all or for some long period of time, and it's clear that we're not speaking the same language in terms of what they came back to us with," Bettman said.

NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly said one of the players' proposals, touted as including a 50-50 revenue split, did not because of additional conditions.

"It is not a 50-50 deal," Daly said. "It is, most likely a 56- to 57-percent (for players) deal in Year One and never gets to 50 percent during the proposed five-year term of the agreement."

"The proposal contemplates paying the players approximately \$650 million outside of the players' share," Daly said. "In effect, the union is proposing to change the accounting rules to be able to say '50-50,' when in reality it is not. The Union told us that they had not yet 'run the numbers.' We did."

However, players union chief Don Fehr said the latest NHL proposal still represents huge reductions in player salaries.

Talks on a new collective bargaining agreement have been stalled largely over how to divide \$3.2 billion in hockey-related revenues, and owners locked out players on September 15.

Players had received 57 percent under the old deal. Owners had asked for at least 53 percent under a new agreement, until their 50-50 proposal on Tuesday.

That came a week after the league announced the cancellation of 82 games scheduled for the first fortnight of the season, which was originally slated to start on October 11.

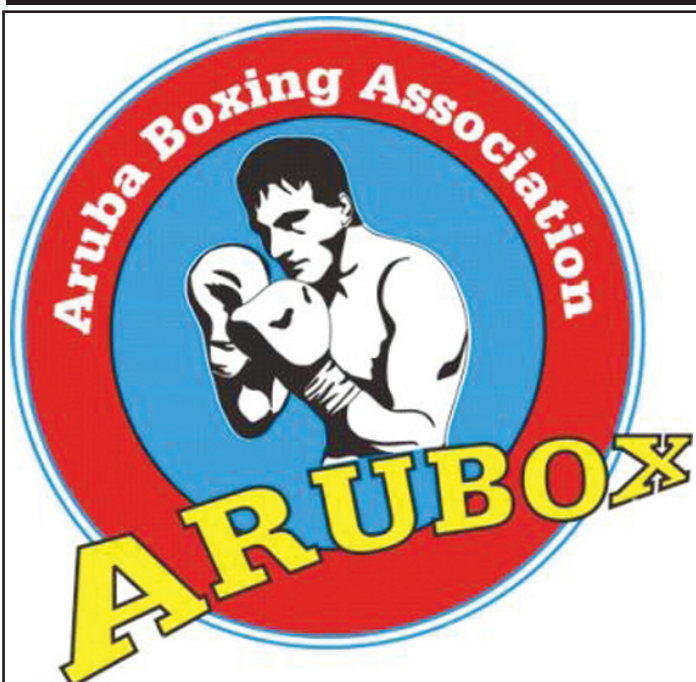
Despite cancelling those games, Bettman said the league could complete a full season -- 82 games per team -- if they get underway in early November.

Meanwhile The NHL wiped out the third week of the regular season yesterday.



SASSARI, Italy (AFP) : Norway's driver Mads Ostberg and co-driver Sweden's Jonas Andersson steer their Ford Fiesta RS WRC during the stage four of yesterday's special stages of the FIA World Rally Championship of Italy near Sassari, on the Italian island of Sardinia.

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Cycling: Rabobank to end sponsorship of professional cycling

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Rabobank will stop sponsoring professional cycling at the end of this year, in the wake of the US Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) report on the use of banned substances in the sport, the Dutch bank said.

"We are no longer convinced that the international professional world of cycling can make this a clean and fair sport," bank board member Bert Bruggink was quoted as saying as he announced the end of its 17-year backing. "We are not confident that this will change for the better in the foreseeable future."

Rabobank said that it came to the "inevitable" decision following the USADA report on Lance Armstrong which was published last week and put the seven-time Tour de France winner at the heart of the biggest doping programme in the history of sport.

"It is painful. Not just for Rabobank, but especially for the enthusiasts and the cyclists who are not to blame in this," Bruggink said.

Rabobank's sponsorship is the latest casualty of the far-reaching Armstrong scandal, which the USADA called "the most sophisticated, professionalised and successful doping programme that sport has ever seen".

The UCI is meanwhile facing growing calls to say how Armstrong and his US Postal Service team managed to avoid detection for so long, amid claims they were tipped off about drug test visits and positive results were covered up.

Casualties from the controversy that has rocked the sport include senior Cycling Australia official Stephen Hodge, who resigned from the board after admitting taking performance-enhancing drugs during his pro career.

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Baseball: Tigers sweep past Yanks into World Series



DETROIT (AFP) - The Detroit Tigers booked their World

Series berth on Thursday, downing the New York Yan-

kees 8-1 to complete a four-game sweep of their American League Championship Series.

Max Scherzer became the latest Detroit pitcher to thwart the Yankees. He didn't surrender a hit until the sixth inning and combined with three relievers on a two-hitter as the Tigers became the first team in 32 years to sweep the Yanks in a post-season series.

Scherzer gave up one run and struck out 10 over 5 1/3 innings. The Tigers reached the World Series for the 11th time and the first time since

2006.

They'll face either San Francisco or St. Louis in Major League Baseball's championship showcase, starting next Wednesday.

Not even another lineup change by manager Joe Girardi could ignite the Yankees' sagging offense.

Girardi again benched superstar third baseman Alex Rodriguez, along with slumping Curtis Granderson.

The re-tooled batting order managed just a triple from Eduardo Nunez and an RBI dou-

ble by Nick Swisher, both in the sixth inning.

The Yankees scored only six runs and batted only .156 over the four games, their lowest ever average in a playoff series.

In a game postponed from Wednesday because of rain, Detroit battered Yankees ace CC Sabathia. Jhonny Peralta belted a brace of homers and drove in three runs.

American League triple crown winner Miguel Cabrera and Austin Jackson also homered.